A.—Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) The 319 monuments in the North Karnataka protected by the then Government of Bombay are looked after by the Central Department of Archaeology.

(*b*) Only the two inscriptions of Ratta Chieftains in the Old Shiva Temple at Bailhongala and a Kadamba inscription in the Sri Basaveshwara Temple at Kittur, both in Belgaum District, have been protected and declared as of national importance.

(*c*) A detailed survey of these places is yet to be made; hence the point does not arise.

(*d*) This has to be examined.

(*e*) There is no such proposal before Government.

SUPPLY OF C. I. PIPES OF 36" DIAMETER FOR THE TRIPLICATE MAIN FROM THIPPAGONDANAHALLI TO BANGALORE.

**Q.*—1094. Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (K.G.F.).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have placed order to a West Bengal firm to supply 7,406 C.I. Pipes of 36" diameter for the Triplicate main from Thippagondanahalli to Bangalore;

(*b*) whether there was any advice from the Chief Engineer for 30" C. I. pipes instead of 36" Pipes;

(*c*) the reason for the Government to turn down the technical advice?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Chief Engineer's proposal was duly examined by the *Ad Hoc* Committee constituted by Government for the Long Range Water Supply Scheme to Bangalore which consisted of Retired Engineers who are experts in the line and of the Chief Enginner (General) who was in charge of Public Health also. The Committee's opinion was in favour of having 36" diameter pipe, in preference to 30" pipe as recommended by the Chief Enginner, Irrigation and Public Health. The Public Health Engineering Organisation of the Government of India also agreed with the recommendation of the *Ad Hoc* Committee. Under the advice of these expert bodies Government after considering all aspects of the question decided to adopt 36" diameter pipe being the most economical for supply of the available potential at Thippagondanahalli.